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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I agree that it is a matter to be taken into account. When this State bears that taxation, that shows its capacity.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether the reclassification of the State for this purpose could be taken up only after a period of five years or whether the Government of Madras could, in the meanwhile, take this up with the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am sorry, Sir, we shall have to wait for the next Commission. But we do hope that we shall progress and will advance rather than go backward.

Medical examination of servers employed in public restaurants.

* 66 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any arrangements have been made by the Government for periodical medical examination of servers employed in public restaurants, hotels and coffee houses; and

(b) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have issued instructions to local authorities to enforce the annual medical examination of all employees of catering establishments as far as possible.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I know, Sir, whether such a medical examination is being made before the entertainment of the hotel servers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Not exactly like that, Sir. In the light of the recommendations of the Committee which was appointed, instructions were issued in 1953 to make a periodical examination. But, as I said, they are not quite effective. Now, there is a proposal to amend some of the rules to make them more effective.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Are the officers of the Public Health Department empowered by the present Public Health laws to ensure the removal of diseased servers and cooks from such public establishments? 3-30 p.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have said just now that the medical examination and other steps taken are not effective and that, therefore, it is proposed to take more powers. Then only we can immediately exclude an employee from such a place of employment if it is insanitary or if he is affected by any contagious disease. Even the immediate closure of the business in

such a place of employment until no further danger of outbreak of disease exists and then the medical examination of the employee and his associates could be effectively enforced only when we modify the rules.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister kindly enlighten us on what the recommendation of the Hotel Sanitation Committee in the matter is and on what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is only on the basis of such suggestions and recommendations, as I have already told the hon. Member, that it is proposed to amend the rules.

DR. V. K. JOHN : May I put the usual question whether these recommendations have been implemented?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I said just now that it was proposed to implement them.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Am I right in thinking that the cause of the disease lies more in the use of plates and spoons than in the health of the servers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Not only spoons and plates but also the health of the employee must be taken into account.

DR. V. K. JOHN : Will the Government provide a rule that a register should be kept recording the result of the medical examination of the employee?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am sure that when the rules are amended, all these things will be taken into consideration. They will make them as foolproof as possible.

Broadcast.

* 67 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government is consulted in regard to the regional news and talks broadcast from the Madras and Tiruchirappalli Stations of the All-India Radio;

(*b*) whether this Government have made any representation to the Union Government in this regard; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance) : (*a*) The State Government are not consulted in regard to the regional news broadcast by All-India Radio. The Press materials put out by the Information Department of the State Government are, however, used by the All-India Radio along with other materials collected by All-India Radio from other sources.